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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I strongly support competitive internet providers. Internet and telephone services are a basic utility, and we cannot let them revert to monopoly status.

Like most Americans, I rely on the internet to conduct business, communicate with family and friends, take and provide online academic instruction, collaborate with peers, and arrange care for elderly relatives, even when I am far away.

Having internet speeds throttled because I don't participate in one of the major carrier's monopoly is a major issue for me. Of course, I mind the personal inconvenience.

More importantly, I work to support children and adults with disabilities. Many people are not aware that access to reliable technology allows many people with major disabilities such as blindness, learning disabilities, and sensory disorders to work for pay, remain active members of their community, and retain their independence in a competitive economic environment. I have clients I've worked with as professions for many months before learning they are blind. Technology levels the playing field so all of us can do our best.

It is not good for business or the economy to allow a few people to control this access to vital web based services.

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